

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the Background of the Invention as follows:

5 **BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

Putting plays an important role in a successful round of golf. In order to technically execute a proper putt a golfer must be properly positioned relative to the ball and
10 to an intended line of the putt. A putter has a striking face, which should be aligned square to the desired path of the ball travel.

It is known that an alignment centerline is placed on the
15 top surface of the putter to aid a golfer in positioning the face of a putter square to the target line of the putt. Typically, this centerline or aiming line is perpendicular to the face and is positioned at the desired area of putter to ball impact.

20 In addition to having the putter face aligned to the intended target line a golfer must be in the proper position relative to the ball to have proper golf techniques. The eyes of the golfer should be over the
25 putter so that when the ball is struck the putter is returned to the proper position to send the ball on its desired target line. This is critical because if a golfer is not in the proper putting position with their eyes directly over the centerline/target-line, they will
30 compensate their stroke path to what they see; resulting in a push or a pulled putt. Tests have proven that golfers with a push stroke subconsciously aim to the left, while those with a pull stroke aim right. Having the eyes inside

or outside the centerline/target-line cause these errant stroke paths. The body and hands will respond to what the eyes see.

5 It takes regular practice to develop a putting stance and stroke to propel a golf ball on its intended target line. Golfers of all skill levels have been shown to find this eye position and putter alignment difficult to maintain over time. In the prior art, to check eye position, you could
10 either drop a ball from beneath your eye line or have a friend stand behind you and say when a plumb line hanging from a point below your eyes hovers directly over your aimline.

15 An object of the invention is to provide a putter that can be used to indicate when proper alignments have been attained for stroking a golf ball.

A putter that uses a shaft to facilitate alignment of a
20 putter head and a golfer's head relative to a ball and a desired path of ball travel is shown, for example, in the following United States of America patent 5,564,990 - Weeks.

Though such a putter has achieved popularity and commercial
25 success, there has been a continuing need for improvement.